

Bedford Hills, New York
February 21, 2012

A public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Bedford on February 21, 2012 at the Town Offices, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York to consider Local Law #3 -2012 – an amendment to Chapter 85 of the Code of the Town of Bedford regarding Open Spaces and Areas. The meeting was called to order at 8:56 P.M. by Supervisor Roberts.

Present:	Lee V. A. Roberts	: Supervisor
	Peter Chryssos	: Councilman
	Francis T. Corcoran	: Councilman
	Chris Burdick	: Councilman
	David Gabrielson	: Councilman
	Lisbeth Fumagalli	Town Clerk
	Eric Gordon	: Town Attorney
	Steven Fraietta	: Building Inspector
	William Hayes	: Chief of Police
	Amy Pectol	: Receiver of Taxes
	Edward Ritter	: Town Comptroller

And twenty (20) residents/observers.

Proof of publication was presented and ordered filed. The public notice was published in the Bedford Pound Ridge Record Review on February 10, 2012.

Mrs. Roberts asked Comptroller Ritter to explain this revision. Mr. Ritter advised that the Open Space monies would now be put into a separate reserve fund rather than being part of the General Fund. He stated that there was currently 2.8 Million dollars in the fund and 1.0 Million dollars in debt and that \$174,000.00 was being added from the General Fund in 2012.

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Chryssos, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

Ayes:	Roberts, Chryssos, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Burdick
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby close the public hearing to consider Local Law #3 -2012 – an amendment to Chapter 85 of the Code of the Town of Bedford regarding Open Spaces and Areas.

On a motion by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Burdick, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

Ayes:	Roberts, Chryssos, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Burdick
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Bedford Amends Chapter 85 of the Code of the Town of Bedford regarding OPEN SPACES AND AREAS, as follows:

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Bedford as follows:

Chapter 85, Article I, Section 4, of the Code of the Town of Bedford entitled “Fund established; special levy.” is hereby amended, as follows:

§ 85-4. Fund established; special levy.

A. Fund. The Town Comptroller shall establish and maintain a separate, reserve fund, pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law § 6-h, to be known as the "Open Spaces and Areas, Park and Water Protection Debt Reserve Fund."

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- B. Revenue sources. Annually, commencing with the fiscal year of the town beginning January 1, 2001, ~~a tax shall be levied, and deposited in a separate fund, by an amount equal to 3% of the general fund and highway fund tax levies (the "special levy")~~ for the purpose of raising moneys for the payment of bonded indebtedness of the town issued or to be issued to acquire real property, and interests or rights in real property, and to improve and maintain the same for the preservation of open spaces and areas, for active and passive park and recreational uses and for surface and ground water protection. All moneys received from the special levy shall be deposited in the Open Spaces and Areas, Park and Water Protection Debt Reserve Fund. The Town Board may further deposit into the Open Spaces and Areas, Park and Water Protection Debt Reserve Fund moneys from any other source, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants and donations as the Town Board, in its sole discretion, may, from time to time, determine.
- C. Scope of fund. The Open Spaces and Areas, Park and Water Protection Debt Reserve Fund shall be used, pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law § 6-h, for the payment of any bonded indebtedness issued, from time to time, by the town for the purposes specified in this article.
- D. Deposits. The Open Spaces and Areas, Park and Water Protection Debt Reserve Fund shall be the repository for moneys collected by the town through the special levy and from such other sources, as the Town Board may determine, in its sole discretion, where permitted by the laws of the State of New York.

Deleted: the general fund tax levy of the town shall be increased

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There being no further discussion the hearing was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Lisbeth Fumagalli, Town Clerk